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HLA SPRING MEETING

Be sure to attend the HLA Spring meeting. It will be a luncheon and business meeting at Waioli Tearoom, Honolulu, on Saturday, March 25 at twelve-thirty. There will be sufficient time at the business meeting for members to bring up for discussion any matters which they consider significant for the Association. New officers will be elected and the customary section meetings will be held.

The Recruitment Committee, Robert Gahran, chairman, will hold its annual meeting on Friday, March 24 at 3:00 o'clock in the YWCA building. Advisers and counselors from all Oahu high schools have been invited in an effort to inform them about library opportunities, thus enabling them to more competently advise their students about this profession.

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CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

Early in December 1949 Joyce Wright addressed a letter to the Executive Board of the H.L.A. concerning the Territory of Hawaii Civil Service Commission's S-P (sub-professional) classification for professionally trained librarians. The letter called attention to the proposed reclassification of some social work positions from S-P to P (professional), involving only change of status and not salary increases, and inquired if the H.L.A. would be interested in pursuing any similar program for members of the library profession. The psychological disadvantage of the S-P nomenclature was suggested since, in the profession as a whole, it is generally considered to be reserved for the non-professionally trained--a position midway between the clerical and professional. It was also pointed out that the Federal Civil Service (before the recent change to the GS system) gave a P rating for the same qualifications for which the Territory gives an S-P. The letter asked whether H.L.A. members, even those not under civil service, would support an attempt to get the classification changed, since clarifying the status of one group would be beneficial for the entire profession.

As a result of this, the Executive Board authorized the creation of a preliminary committee whose purpose was to act as a fact-finding group to explore the problem in the short time available before the Spring meeting when a course of action could be presented to the members for their approval or rejection. It should be noted here, with gratitude, that the outer island Board members were all willing to work on such a committee. Due to limited time and necessity for meeting in Honolulu they were not asked to serve but, if this project is continued, their assistance should be most useful.

The study was carried on as follows: At the first meeting, on February 17, the position of sub-professional assistant as defined in Louis R. Wilson and Maurice F. Tauber, The university library; its organization, administration and functions (U. of Chicago, 1945, p.246) was considered. It was decided to check on the Dept. of Social Welfare accomplishment, the stage of development of the possible T.H. general reclassification project, and to search library literature for material on the use of the term S-P, the definition and qualifications of the position and any pertinent data available.

At the second meeting, on March 3, it was learned that the D.P.W. had received permission to change one position to P and that the social workers are now engaged in an overall position-classification project, under the

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aegis of a committee of outsiders, retired social workers and others not immediately involved. Little information was received from the Civil Service Commission other than that it is studying various types of positions and will in time get around to librarians. It was also too early to learn whether all T.H. civil service positions will be put under the GS (general service) system. Little usefull information was provided by the library literature, references to sub-professionals usually assuming the non-professionaly trained.

It was found that the ALA Classification and Pay Plans for university libraries (1947) do not include the S-P service but begin with Grade I Professional Service, based on a college degree plus one year of accredited professional training. The ALA schedule for minicipal public libraries (1939) does include the sub-professional position but it does not require the fifth year training. The professional service begins with the Grade I as in the case of university libraries. At this meeting consideration was also given to the definitions of Professional and Scientific Service and Sub-professional Service as they appear in the Revised laws of Hawaii, 1945, chapter 3, sections 112 and 113. It appeared that by these definitions all trained librarians belong in the P service.

As a result of the above work, the following recommendations were prepared for the consideration of the HLA members at the Spring meeting:

"In an effort to maintain the status of librarianship as a profession we believe that the Hawaii Library Association, as our professional organization, should encourage a change in civil service terminology which would eliminate the use of the S-P title for trained librarians. To implement this we recommend that the incoming Executive Board appoint a committee to determine: 1. why the S-P classification is used, in view of the accord between the legal definition of Professional and Scientific Service and the qualifications of librarians now employed; and, 2. to gather data to present to the Civil Service Commission in support of a request for this change. It is suggested that in obtaining such data the American Library Association might be approached for recommendations and any unpublished material available at headquarters. In addition, a survey might be made of those libraries now under state and municipal civil service to find out whether or not the P and S-P titles are used and, if so, the definitions of and requirements for each."

s/ Genevieve Correa
s/ Mabel Jackson
s/ Euphie Shields
s/ Joyce Wright, Chairman

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NEWS AND NOTES

Library of Hawaii — Violet Silverman

Everyone in the library has been talking about the most exciting thing that has happened here for some time. Our new bookmobile arrived, nifty, spiffy and glamorous, besides being a monster on wheels. It holds about 3,000 books, has a skylight, a fan, desks in front and back for charging and stamping and even a coat closet, which could be used as a broom closet. It is lucky it arrived after the acute housing shortage has ended as it would make a wonderful trailer house. The children even took off their shoes before entering the new car--they wanted to keep it as beautiful as when it drove up.

After a slow start the film library is growing bigger each week. BOB GAHRAN reports he has 71 films and four film strips; most of these are educational, industrial and health films with a few travel films sandwiched in. The Sight Conservation department has turned over all their films to the library. Films can be borrowed by agencies or groups, not by individuals.

JEAN TAYLOR, although a malihini, has seen more of the Pacific Ocean and its islands than most of us. Thanksgiving saw her entertaining the boys on Johnston Island and in February she was on Kwajalein in the Marshalls. FRANCES BERNATH left Hawaii in January for Tokyo and JACQUELINE HELMERICKS replaces her at the Wahiawa branch library. VIRGINIA CROZIER returns from Pasadena on April 12 to become the technical librarian.

Late news is that the Budget Director is allowing us the three new positions the Legislature gave us in 1949 and which he has been withholding. They are librarian assistants for Kailua and Kaimuki, and a janitor. An increase of $8,400 for expenses was also granted.

Maui — Eleanor H. White.

The Maui County Free Library is humming busily along, with substantial gains and new developments in every area of work. The branches have been particularly active. We have no new buildings, but can report a complete renovation of our Lahaina Branch, located in the 114 year old Baldwin House of missionary days. The section occupied by the library was in a state of picturesque but deplorable disrepair which I have never seen equaled except by the library buildings in Annapolis town, some parts of it apparently untouched since construction. Lahaina has become terrifically library conscious; it was through its Community Association that the repairs were obtained and with its backing that we are negotiating for land for a new and modern building.

The main library, too, has been extremely busy. No construction as yet, tho an addition of a Music and Hawaiiana room is scheduled. Reducing the level at which cards may be obtained to grade two has brought a flood of small borrowers. There has been unprecedented cooperation with the high schools, thru preparation of book lists for teachers, group visits to the library for instruction, career and book talks in the schools. As for the adult population, we are reaching large segments thru weekly annotated book lists in the local newspaper, snappy book notes in the weekly Rotary club bulletin, and exhibits each month at the Maui Woman's Club carrying out the theme of the current meeting. Another group of parents and teachers is being reached thru a large University Extension class on children's books taught by the acting librarian.

No, we can't report anything spectacular - but life at the Maui County Free Library is definitely busy and stimulating!

University of Hawaii — Martha Patterson

The new reserve room, created from surplus barracks, has been completed and was occupied March 1. The additional space will help to relieve crowded reading room conditions and provided some badly needed shelf space. The map and microfilm collections, having lacked a regular custodian for some months, are now under the care of MASAE KASHIWAMURA, a UH graduate of June 1949. New assistant in the catalog department is MAY AYAU, also a 1949 UH grad.

Army Libraries — Helene Gowen

ELVA D. LUDWIG, assistant Librarian at the Post Library at Schofield Barracks, recently returned from a trip to her home in Reading, Pa. En route she visited friends in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Albuquerque, St. Louis and Philadelphia, and in Los Angeles was a guest at the January meeting of the School Librarians Association. In Albuquerque she was fortunate in being given permission to visit the Atomic Energy Commission's library at Kirtland AFB. While there, she visited with BETTE GRAFFENDER, former librarian at Wheeler Air Force Base.

NINA COFFMAN, librarian at Tripler General Hospital, also spent the Christmas

holidays on the mainland. Leaving Honolulu just before Thanksgiving to visit her family at Oklahoma City, she was happy to return here December 29, having found the middle West too cold in winter.

KAUAI — Ruth E. Koenig

On February 9 the Hanapepe Branch Library was opened, culminating several years' work and hard-pulling on the part of the Kauai Public Library, the Hanapepe Branch Board, and Mrs. HADLEY. About 300 people attended the informal reception and everyone was full of praises for the beautiful building. JEANNETTE ROBERTS has now assumed her duties as branch librarian, assisted by one part-time clerical, PENNY OYAMA. We are hoping the other branch at Waimea will be ready for opening in the late spring. Word has been received that LUCILLE MOORE, who resigned from the staff of the Kauai Public Library in June to return to the mainland, is now working at the Glendale, California Public Library.

Bishop Museum

MARGARET TITCOMB tells us that the Library's picture collection has had two interesting additions. One consists of pictures taken by Otto Degener and others on the Cheng Ho Expedition to Fiji; the other, of around 300 slides from the Wilder collection, old and impossible to duplicate.

HSPA Library

MABEL FRASER and JEAN DABAGH hope that interested HLA members will be among visitors to the newly inaugurated Experiment Station open-house and tours. A good suggestion, too, if you have mainland visitors. If you are free on Thursday afternoons, remember that the event is held weekly at 2:30 P.M. A movie of Hawaii and the sugar industry is shown in Agee Auditorium, followed by a brief discussion of the Station work and a tour of points of interest on the grounds.

Hawaii — Isabel Welsh

It has been said that history is never written about a happy life, from which we arrive at the obvious conclusion that life at the Hawaii County Library must be a very happy one. At any rate, we have no history to relate of our doings over the past three months, other than the following: SALOME BETTS, children's librarian, entertained two visitors from the Kauai Library during the holdiays, RUTH KOENIG and FRANCES HILTON. CAROL BRICE spent the Christmas holidays with her family and friends in California. NELLA TUCKER ate Christmas turkey with friends on the Parker Ranch.

We have been informed that by the time this issue of the Journal reaches you, the advertisement for bids on the new wonder library at Kealakekua, Kona, will be out. This promises to be the sensation of the year; built of Ohia, furnished throughout with koa, and provided with a trim of native lava rock. Watch for it!

Legislative Reference Bureau — John McClurkin

The Hawaii Statehood Commission, Constitutional Convention candidates, and members of civic organizations are keeping the librarian busy answering inquiries relating to constitutional convention proceedings, state practices on various state governmental problems, and other matters in connection with the forthcoming Hawaii Constitutional Convention.

Regular library work of the Bureau virtually stopped during a good part of February while JOHN McCLURKIN proofread and assisted in the publication of the Manual on state constitutional provisions prepared for the constitutional convention, Territory of Hawaii 1950. This one volume reference manual is for sale at the Iolani office of the Hawaii Statehood Commission at $3.00 per copy. (Adv!)

School Libraries

Mrs. HENRY ELLIS, a graduate of the Library School of the New York State College for Teachers and formerly a high school librarian at Rensselaer, N.Y., is now assistant to Mrs. ANN PFAENDER, librarian at Iolani School.

DORIS SCHMEISER, formerly at Kamehameha School for Girls, writes from library school at Western Reserve in Cleveland that one of her classmates is RUTH ROWAN from Maui, formerly librarian at Maui High. They are both working very hard and miss Hawaii.

FRANCES KENYON and the staff at Punahou School's Cooke Library are getting ready for a big job. The elementary library, designed complete with fireplace by Mr. Ossipoff, will be ready for use around Easter. Moving has no terrors for the staff however. The children will join in the work, arriving class by class to move assigned sections of books. Cooke Library, via Mrs. TUGGLE, is working to promote the deposit of sponsored films at the Library of Hawaii. The aim is to build up a central film deposit library available to all in the Territory.

In a copy of the Daily Pinion (McKinley High School paper), sent to us by GLADYS FAULKNER, publicity is given to the student body library group, a committee, advised by DORIS DUNLAVY, whose work is "to promote right attitudes about losses of and damages to books and magazines..." This sounds like an idea which should be encouraged. The paper also reports that the library has 15,062 books and subscribes to 148 magazines and 2 newspapers.

The Honolulu high school librarians met for dinner at Kamehameha School for Boys on March 6 as guests of ETHEL BOWEN, librarian. BLAZE CAMACHO SOUZA, of Farrington High School, was in charge of the meeting at which Mr. Schneller, who directs the School's bindery, gave a demonstration of the methods used.

ROSE WONG and PATRICIA BECKER are chairman and secretary of the Elementary School Library Committee which meets monthly and carries on a very active program.

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Union List

A precious freight is leaving the mainland around March 20. No national headlines will announce it but, for members of the HLA Union List Committee, its arrival here will be a gala day. Completed copies of the Union list of serials in Honolulu libraries will be ready for distribution! Any library which does not have in its order should place it at once with Mrs. Jean B. Stevens, Hawaiian Pineapple Company, Ltd.

Correction

EDITH IRWIN, now working in the Order Department of the California State Library at Sacramento while on leave from the Library of Hawaii, sends her greetings. She also wants to make it clear that she is not the author of "Wandering thoughts of a librarian in spring" which is attributed to her in the February Wilson Library Bulletin. It was contributed anonymously to this Journal during her editorship and, thinking it worthy of wider curculation, she sent it on to Wilson. To clear up the resulting embarrassing confusion, Edith tells us that its modest author is Helen Bevens. Let this mix-up be a warning to all other members who prefer to conceal their talents.

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CURRENT HAWAIIANA

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Did you notice "New guides and aids to public documents use, 1945-1948" by Jermome K. Wilcox in Special Libraries for November and December 1949? Congratulations are due the Hawaiiana section of HLA. Its publication, Current Hawaiiana, is one of the 131 items listed.

Have you forgotten?

Do you receive Current Hawaiiana and do you want to continue to do so? The editors report that the issue for December 1949 (vol.6, no.3) included a notice to be filled out and returned to them by all who wished to remain on the mailing list. Many HLA members, who may wish the publication, have not done this. If you have forgotten, please turn in the forms or notify Janet Bell at once.